



Professional Development Courses

Reading Comprehension Instruction

This course focuses on the research and exemplary practices that help students acquire strong reading comprehension skills. It provides participants with a synthesis of the research base on reading comprehension instruction and vocabulary development. Participants examine, discuss, and evaluate the appropriate application of a range of instructional strategies from explicit to implicit teaching of comprehension skills. Strategies are presented for increasing student comprehension of both narrative and expository texts—including content area textbooks. In addition, approaches are presented to help students monitor their own comprehension and apply appropriate “fix-up” strategies when comprehension is not achieved. Practice in using these instructional strategies and examples of student work are embedded in each unit.

This course is appropriate for all K-12 teachers who need to help increase their students’ comprehension of text—whether that text is a literature selection or a subject area textbook.

Instructor: Neeti Prakash
Date/Time: Saturdays: April 20 to June 1, 12 noon – 5:00 p.m., plus 10 hour practicum
(time may change after discuss with class)
Location: Pending

Thinking Mathematics: Volume 1 - Foundations

This course focuses on research about how children learn mathematics and how these findings can be applied in the classroom. Ten Principles capture practices that lead to a better understanding of math for all students and are applicable at all levels. In this course, they are exemplified through the research on counting, addition, and subtraction. The course takes a broader look at the importance of patterns and relationships throughout math, addresses the kind of questioning that promotes thinking in math class, and provides a framework for thinking about curriculum and lessons.

Instructor: Lily Delos Santos
Date/Time: Tuesday/Thursday: April 30 – May 30: 3:30 – 6:30 p.m.;
Saturday: June 1: 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., with 10 hour practicum
Location: Pending

Please register at the GFT office in Mangilao.

3 Graduate Credits from the University of San Diego
Cost per Class: \$450 GFT Member \$600 Non-member

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